

ARTICLE II GENERAL SERVICE RELATED PROVISIONS

2.0 General Service Related Provisions.

2.1 Interconnection Activation Date. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment pursuant to Articles III and IV for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic, and Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment to provide CLEC access to SBC-AMERITECH's unbundled Network Elements pursuant to Article IX, shall be established on or before the corresponding “**Interconnection Activation Date**” shown for each LATA and Wire Center in the trunking plans attached to the Notices of Interconnection and agreed to by the Parties. The Parties shall refine estimated Interconnection Activation Dates and identify additional Interconnection Activation Dates using the principles set forth in Article III, Section 3.10.4. Trunking plans exchanged by the Parties may be revised and supplemented from time to time upon the mutual agreement of the Parties to reflect the Interconnection of additional LATAs and Wire Centers.

2.2 Bona Fide Request. Any request by CLEC for certain services, including features, capabilities, functionality, access to additional or new Network Elements on an unbundled basis or Combinations that are not otherwise provided by the terms of this Agreement or by order or rule of the Commission at the time of such request shall be made pursuant to the Bona Fide Request process set forth in Schedule 2.2.

2.3 Technical References. Technical References that describe the practices, procedures and specifications for certain services (and the applicable interfaces relating thereto) are listed on Schedule 2.3 (the “**Technical Reference Schedule**”) to assist the Parties in meeting their respective responsibilities hereunder.

Subject to Section 29.3 of Article XXIX, whenever any provision of this Agreement refers to a technical reference, technical publication, CLEC Practice, SBC-AMERITECH Practice, any publication of telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, or any other document specifically incorporated into this Agreement, (collectively, a “Referenced Instrument”), it will, unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, be deemed to be a reference to the most recent version or edition (including any amendments, supplements addenda, or successors) of each Referenced Instrument that is in effect as of the effective date of this Agreement, and will include the most recent version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of each document incorporated by reference in such Referenced Instrument at such time. If a dispute about interpretation arises, the parties shall submit the matter for resolution pursuant to Section 28.3 of this Agreement.

2.4 Use of Services. Subject to the requirements of this Agreement, the Act, the Commission and the FCC, CLEC may, subject to the payment to SBC-AMERITECH of all

applicable charges, add to, delete from or change a purchased Resale Service or Network Element in the provision of service to its Customer.